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SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ON MARCH 1
KISSINGER SPEECH

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1. FOLLOWING HIS MARCH 4 ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PRESS THAT
ECUADOREAN PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA WILL VISIT VENEZUELA ON
MARCH 13-16, ACTING VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN RAPHAEL
COMMENTED ON THE SECRETARY'S MARCH 1 ADDRESS IN HOUSTON.

2. NOTING THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO MAKE DETAILED
OBSERVATIONS REGARDING THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH UNTIL HE HAS
STUDIED IT MORE FULLY, RAPHAEL REMARKED THAT THE SECRETARY
SEEMED TO BE GIVING HIGHER PRIORITY TO RELATIONS WITH
LATIN AMERICA. SAID RAPHAEL, " HIS STATEMENTS WERE DIRECT;
PERHAPS FOR THE FIRST TIME SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS THAT
FACE HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS ARE BEING MADE POSSIBLE. FOR
THE FIRST TIME, THE U.S. IS PLACING EMPHASIS ON THE ECONOMIC
AND STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF LATIN AMERICA."

3. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF POSITIVE
REACTIONS TO THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH, EXPRESSED IN PRIVATE TO
EMBASSY OFFICERS BY PUBLIC FIGURES, ESPECIALLY MEMBERS
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